

### Mussolini and Fascism

-1922: March on Rome

-King Victor Emmanuel III makes Mussolini prime minister [Italy is still, in theory, a parliamentary monarchy]

-1925: Mussolini takes the title *Il Duce*, "The Leader"

-1929: Pope Pius XI gives Mussolini his support in return for having Vatican City recognized as an independent state

-Values: action, violence, discipline, warfare, and blind loyalty to the state

-Characteristics: antidemocratic; reject faith in reason and the concepts of equality and liberty; emphasize the supremacy of the state; centralized and authoritarian government; destructive to basic human rights

### Fascism and Communism

-Similarities: Draw their power from blind devotion to the state or a charismatic leader; use terror to safeguard power; flourish during economic hard times by promoting extreme programs for social change; a party elite rules in the name of the national interest

-Differences: International vs. national goals; classless vs. class-based society; support from urban and agricultural workers vs. business leaders and wealthy landowners

### The Rise of Communism in Russia

-July 1914: Russia enters WWI

-August 1914: Germans defeat Russians at the Battle of Tannenberg

-June-September 1915: Russians retreat from German-Austrian offensive

-March 1917: The March Revolution forces Tsar Nicholas to abdicate. The Duma sets up a provisional government

-April 1917: Lenin returns to Russia to instigate revolution

-November 1917: The provisional government fails to end the war and resolve internal problems. The November Revolution brings the Bolsheviks (Communists) to power

-March 1918: Bolsheviks sign Treaty of Brest-Litovsk (give up a huge chunk of land and of the Russian population to Germany). Bolsheviks wanted to put all of their energy into fighting their enemies at home

-June-July 1918: Civil war erupts between the Reds (Bolsheviks) and the Whites (tsarist imperialists, Mensheviks, democrats); the Reds execute the tsar and his family

-November 1920: Communist government wins civil war, after years of bloody fighting

-Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR) created by Lenin in 1922

-Produce a democratic / socialist constitution

-Citizens over the age of 18 can vote

-Stalin became the leader of the USSR

-Marx had predicted that under communism, the state would wither away. Instead, Stalin turned the USSR into a totalitarian state